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FISHING OPERATIONS IMPROVE;
RECLAMATION IN PROGRESS

MODERN FISHING METHODS, EQUIPMENT INCREASE CAUSE -- Jugoslovenski Mornar,
No 9, Sep 49

Within 3 years the fishing cooperatives under jurisdiction of Dalmatian Oblast have developed to a dominant position in coastal and channel fishing. Today they control over 50 percent of all fishing equipment in Yugoslavia and account for 60 percent of the entire catch. The standard of living of fishermen has risen over 200 percent since they joined the cooperative.

The state sector fishes for tuna in the open sea with large ships newly equipped with huge, remote floating line nets. It also fishes for small bluefish at exposed points of the Yugoslav islands which cannot be exploited effectively by fishing cooperatives. In order that these exposed areas may be exploited effectively, it is necessary to construct a special type of floating net of large size, 500 to 600 meters long. For these nets a large, fast ship is required to lower, gather, and lift the net by engine power. These nets have proved very satisfactory. One catch amounted to 35,000 kilograms of anchovies, while before, with old nets, 15,000 to 25,000 kilogram catches were rare. By using such nets and ships, summer fishing for small bluefish can be mechanized, even though this fish is easily frightened and escapes when it hears a noise. The new ships for all three above categories of sea fishing, as well as the nets, are being built in Yugoslavia of domestic material.

The living standard of the fisherman in the state sector has improved over 300 percent in comparison with his previous life. Comfortable and spacious quarters are provided. All are insured against sickness, disability, and old age. Relative to the standard of living, and mechanizing and modernizing of sea fishing and production, Yugoslavia today stands far above the best prewar year. The fishing fleet has increased 80 percent above the 1939 level. Modern fishing equipment has been increased 200 percent. The number of ship engines has been increased 211 percent and the horsepower 600 percent.

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Production in the first half of 1949 was 67 percent greater than the entire catch of 1939.

In 1947 the Yugoslav fishing industry received ten 20-horsepower engines for fishing boats from the Czech "Skoda" factory. These engines arrived without clutches, axles, or propellers, so that they could not be used for the intended purpose. The missing parts arrived 7 months later, by which time the engines were already being used for other purposes.

LAKE SKADAR BEING DRAINED -- Jugoslovenski Mornar, No 9, Sep 49

Reclamation will convert 13,000 hectares of flooded, swampy land along Lake Skadar into a fertile plain, fit for raising cotton, rice, figs, lemons, and oranges.

The reclamation of the broad territory around Lake Skadar also includes reclamation work on the Ljeskopolje and Bjelopavlicka plains. Last year part of the irrigation canal at Ljeskopolje was built and now the rest is being completed. The work on Bjelopavlicka Plain will make 6,000 hectares of soil available for agriculture. The current reclamation work in Montenegro will provide about 20,000 hectares of fertile soil, which until now has been only partially exploited at best.

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